

forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 1107.

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H. Res. 818, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 1104, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 1103.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, November 15th. Page H13943

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H13904.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eighteen yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13873, H13874, H13874–75, H13876, H13883–84, H13884, H13885, H13888, H13889, H13891, H13893, H13894, H13894–95, H13895, H13901–02, H13903, H13904, H13915, H13915–16, H13916–17, H13942–43, and H13943. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1106, which appears on pages H13937–38.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Bernard Ungar, Capitol Visitor Center Project Executive, Architect of the Capitol; Terrie S. Rouse, CEO for Visitor Services, Capitol Visitor Center; Chief Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, U.S. Capitol Police; and Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

### AFRICA COMMAND

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Africa Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ryan Henry, Principal Under Secretary, Policy; and GEN William E. Ward, USA, Command U.S. Africa Command; and Ambassador Stephen Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

### COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Began mark up of H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow

### MERIDA INITIATIVE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Merida Initiative: Assessing Plans to Step Up our Security Cooperation with Mexico and Central America. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Thoms A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

### U.S.-GREECE RELATIONS AND REGIONAL ISSUES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on U.S.-Greece Relations and Regional Issues. Testimony was heard from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State.

### TSA SECURITY TEST TIP OFF

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “Cover Blown—Did TSA Tip Off Airport Screeners about Covert Testing?” Testimony was heard from Edmond S. Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Office of Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and a public witness.

### ONLINE GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on Establishing Consistent Enforcement Policies in the Context of Online Wagers. Testimony was heard from Representatives Berkley and Goodlatte; Catherine Hanaway, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, Department of Justice; Valerie Abend, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2445, To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to recognize Alexander Creek as a Native village; H.R. 3350, Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act; H.R. 3351, Native American Challenge Demonstration Project Act of 2007; and H.R. 3560, Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization Act. Testimony was heard from Michael Nedd, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Melissa Simpson, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Ben

Erulkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR GENERAL

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Assessing Whistle Blower Allegations Against the State Department Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Howard J. Krongard, Inspector General, Department of State.

#### MERCURY DENTAL FILLINGS ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on the Environmental Risks of and Regulatory Response to Dental Mercury Amalgam. Testimony was heard from Ephraim King, Director, Office of Science and Technology, EPA; Norris Alderson, M.D., Director, Office of Science and Health Coordination, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### MILITARY ACTION IN IRAN

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings on Iran: Reality, Options and Consequences, Part 3—Regional and Global Consequences of U.S. Military Action in Iran. Testimony was heard from COL Lawrence Wilkerson, USA (ret.), former Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to Secretary of State Colin Powell; COL Samuel B. Gardiner, USAF (ret.), former faculty member, National War College, the Naval War College, and the Air War College; Paul Pillar, former National Intelligence Officer, Near East and South Asia, 2000 to 2005 and Deputy Director, CIA Counterterrorism Center; LTG Paul K. Van Riper, USMC (ret.) former Commanding General of the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and a public witness.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3915, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and

shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in this report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representatives Maloney of New York, Watt, Miller of North Carolina and Pryce of Ohio.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS RESTORE ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 7 to 2, a closed rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 3773, the "RESTORE Act of 2007." The rule provides for further consideration of the bill pursuant to House Resolution 746.

The rule provides that time for debate on the bill pursuant to House Resolution 746 shall be considered as expired. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for one hour, with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule provides that the further amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this rule shall be considered as adopted. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Chairman Reyes and Representatives Smith of Texas and Hoekstra.

#### SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORTING

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship held a hearing on Program Harmonization in Rural America—How the Small Business Administration and the Department of Agriculture Can Work Together to Better Serve

Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, GAO; Leon Milobar, Nebraska Office, SBA; and public witnesses.

## HEALTH CARE GAPS AND INCOME SECURITY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Effects of Gap in Health Coverage on Work, Family and Opportunity. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BRIEFINGS—HOT SPOTS AND CYBER

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Cyber. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## STATE LEADERSHIP TOWARDS LOW-CARBON ENERGY FUTURE

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.* Held a hearing entitled "State Leadership Towards a Low-Carbon Energy Future." Testimony was heard from the ng Governors: Eliot Spitzer, New York and Janet Napolitano, Arizona.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Army, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine issues facing the United States space program after retirement of the space shuttles, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2203, to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to continue hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the anti-drug package for Mexico and Central America, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine restoring Congressional intent and protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336), 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management,

the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration to examine the national level of preparedness of the United States to respond following a radiological dispersion device (RDD) or "dirty bomb" attack, focusing on the coordination with and capabilities of federal, state, and local governments to work together, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 1638, to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, S. Res. 366, designating November 2007 as "National Methamphetamine Awareness Month", to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse, S. Res. 367, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall, and the nominations of Joseph N. Laplante, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Reed Charles O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Thomas D. Schroeder, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Amul R. Thapar, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management), time to be announced, room to be announced.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine nursing home transparency and improvement, focusing on federal, state, and industry initiatives to improve nursing home transparency, enforcement, and the quality of services in the country's 16,000 nursing homes, 1:30 p.m., SD-G50.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on strategic communications and countering ideological support for terrorism, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* to continue mark up of H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, time to be announced, 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1216, Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act of 2007; and HR. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Diplomatic Assurances on Torture: A Case